



THRIVE COMMUNITIES

Restorative Reentry • Community Building • Leadership Development

CALL *for* APPLICANTS

PILOT RESTORATIVE REENTRY PROJECT:

Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA)

**Are you a
returning
citizen**

- Over 25 years old?
- Being released within a year from jail or prison?
- Planning to return to Lowell or Lawrence, MA?
- Concerned about facing the challenges of reentry alone?
- Seeking opportunities for healing and reconciliation?

If this sounds like you, please consider contacting Thrive Communities for more information regarding our pilot initiative: Circle of Support and Accountability.

We welcome all applications regardless of offending history and gender.

Capacity for CoSA is limited, so please contact us today.

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What is a COSA?

A COSA is a **Circle of Support and Accountability**.

Who is on the team?

The team includes you (Core Member), three community volunteers, and a reentry coach.

What does the team do?

The team walks with you through the challenges and successes of reentering a community. Each week, everyone meets in a Circle for about one hour to share and support each other as well as work through the difficult moments. Volunteers will also meet with you outside of the circle meeting: for coffee, a shopping trip, to go to a job interview, etc.

Why should I participate in COSA?

COSA has been shown to be very effective in helping people stay out of jail/prison, think through difficult decisions, and achieve personal goals. Everyone on the COSA team will support you in building a positive life.

If I join COSA, what am I committing to?

You are agreeing to work with your team for at least one year. You are agreeing to live in a way that doesn't hurt people and honors the commitments that you make with your team. You are committing to be honest with your team about your struggles and challenges.

Why do people volunteer for COSA?

Each volunteer is different, but all team members agree that they want to live in a community that is welcoming and safe for all people, including those returning from incarceration.

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